

**THE Tony Horseman-John Maskell Testimonial is all set for Monday night and every one of the Wycombe Wanderers Past XI, who take on the current Blues team, should be there along with special guest Dave Sexton, the Queens Park Rangers manager.**

Dave, who was formerly with Chelsea before taking QPR to their Division One runners-up position last season, is bound to be a target for the autograph hunters and will also present the three winners of the 'Free Press' competition with their prizes.

The 'Free Press' has been running a competition through their pages over the last three weeks and judging by the response, we feel sure there will be a big crowd at Loakes Park on the night

to pay their own tribute to Tony and John.

All the past team have agreed to come and some of them will be making long journeys to be with their old team-mates again. Keith Blunt will be coming from Plymouth where he is coach with Argyle while Viv Busby makes the trip from Norwich and Peter Suddaby from Blackpool.

We hope we have selected a team that will provide plenty of entertainment and judging by the recent form of Kenny Swain and Co. there should be a feast of attacking football. Also in the squad is Steve Perrin, a regular now with Crystal Palace and Portsmouth's Mick Mellows. Every one of the players were delighted to turn out for two of the club's greatest servants.

#### UNIQUE RECORD

This is currently Tony Horseman's 16th season with the Blues and over the years he has established a goalscoring record that will never be beaten. 'Bodger'

is now well over the 500 goal mark for Wycombe which once included a staggering 80 in one season.

A popular figure throughout his years with Wanderers, Tony is the epitome of sportsmanship and has been loyal to the club throughout those 16 seasons.

Goalkeeper John Maskell is not far behind. 'Mask' joined from Oxford City when he answered an S.O.S. from the Blues, whose three goalkeepers were all out of action. He played against Kingstonian and has never looked back since.

It is a tribute to John's consistency that no other player has ever taken over his goalkeeper's place. And undoubtedly John's finest moment was at Ayresome Park when he played the match of his life against Middlesbrough two years ago. Wycombe's 1-0 defeat in the third round of the F.A. Cup is now history but few will forget the performance of the

Wanderers' keeper on that night.

#### BEST DAYS

In an age when footballers tend to move around from club to club, it is rewarding to find two long serving players who have given their best days to Wycombe Wanderers.

It is for these reasons that the club have awarded them Monday's Testimonial, a rare honour in the non-league game but one that is unquestionably deserved.

The 'Free Press' hopes that the High Wycombe public, thousands of whom have been entertained over the years by these two players, will turn out on Monday to show their appreciation. We also think the evening has plenty to offer!

For many years it has been an ambition to bring back a team of former Wycombe players to Loakes Park. It is always interesting to watch the progress of the former Wycombe players in the professional game while it is a tribute to the club that so many former Blues have made the grade in the Football League.

We think that the sight of Kenny Swain dazzling on the wing, Ted Powell — the Wanderers current manager — operating in midfield and Peter Suddaby in action at the back will bring back a host of memories for the fans.

Referee for the night is Darryl Reeves of Denham, who was a popular figure on the Isthmian League circuit before moving up to the Football League. Darryl is in charge of his first Division One game at the end of the month at Norwich. The linesmen are Bill Cleere, a Rothmans Isthmian League referee who lives at Downley, and Gerry Taylor, secretary of the Wycombe Referee's Society.

A special programme has been produced to mark the occasion.

To add a touch of nostalgia to the evening the Past team, managed by Brian Lee, will be wearing the light and dark blue strip while the present team will be in yellow under the management of John Reardon. Brian has also ensured that his Past team gets the home dressing room too!

We feel sure there's a great night in prospect at Loakes Park on Monday. Kick off is 7.30 but gates open at 6.15 p.m. There will be a special presentation prior to the kick off.

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